

RIC 2004

Reactor Oversight Process, Session W5

ROP Areas for Refinement

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ROP – What is Working

- Ongoing assessment through the Action Matrix
- Annual assessment letter with inspection schedule
- PIs and findings on the NRC webpage
- Increased objectivity
- Inspection report format

Areas for Refinement

- Eliminate vagueness related to opening and closing Cross Cutting Issues
 - Extend objectivity found in the rest of the process to cross cutting issues
 - Provide additional guidance for licensees to incorporate into their programs
 - Increase predictability and stakeholder confidence

Areas for Refinement

- Allow 3 WHITES in a Cornerstone before it becomes DEGRADED and implement graded reset for findings
 - Consistent with basic tenet of ROP that there will be WHITES
 - Increase licensee acceptance of first WHITE
 - Reduce time and resources spent on SDPs

Areas for Refinement

- Improve the SDP process
 - Time and resources could be saved and consistency could be improved by:
 - Earlier licensee involvement
 - Simplification or elimination of Phase 2
 - Incorporating lessons learned into SDP guidance
 - Making screening criteria more objective
 - Publishing more detailed Phase 3 guidance

Areas for Refinement

- Give credit for Licensee Self-Assessment in lieu of NRC inspections
 - NRC resources can be better reallocated to address more risk significant issues
 - Places more licensee emphasis on corrective action program
 - Improves licensee ability to self-identify issues